

Legislation

Title 1, Part 13: William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs
(Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

The purpose is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities of the Nation's low-income families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program, to be referred to as "Even Start". The program shall

- 1) Be implemented through cooperative projects that build on high quality existing community resources to create a new range of services;
- 2) Promote the academic achievement of children and adults;
- 3) Assist children and adults from low-income families to achieve to challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards and;
- 4) Use instructional programs based on scientifically based reading research and the prevention of reading difficulties for children and adults.